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Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action mailed July 2, 2003. This paper is timely, as it is filed within a Petition for Extension of Time, which extends the period of reply to Monday, November 3, 2003.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 4 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this document.

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 (13 pages), including Affidavit of Sadequr Rahman (4 pages), and Curriculum Vitae of Sadequr Rahman (8 pages).
- [X] Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages).
- [X] PTO Form SB/08 (1 page), and the reference cited therein.
- [X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

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